STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 511

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

The Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*1st December 2003*
To be laid before Parliament	*22nd December 2003*
Coming into operation	

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 36(3) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**), and now vested in him(**2**), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Crown Court Rules Committee, the County Court Rules Committee and the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 26th December 2003.

Interpretation

2. In these Rules "the principal rules" means the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1992(**3**).

Amendment to the principal rules

3. Rule 2 of the principal rules (interpretation) shall be amended as follows: –

(1) After the definition of "counsel" there shall be inserted the following definition –

""court-ordered youth conference" has the meaning given by Article 33A(5) of the Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**4**);"; and

(2) After the definition of "disbursements" there shall be inserted the following definition –

(**1**) S.I.1981/228 (N.I. 8)
(**2**) S.I. 1982/159
(**3**) S.R. 1992 No. 314, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules
(**4**) S.I. 1998/1504 (N.I. 9); Article 33A was inserted by section 59 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26) and Article 10A was inserted by section 58 of that Act